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#### COOPER.

If ever there was a Territory, in the United States confederation, that required the attention of the President and Cabinet of that Republic, or of the wise men in Congress assembled, it is, most surely, this mid-ocean Territory of Hawaii. For years past the people here have bowed supinely to the will of a party of oligarchs, and, although an occasional murmur was voiced against the un-American methods of government in vogue, there being no representation "of the people, for the people or by the people," yet, the complainings seemed never to have reached beyoud the confines of this formerly prosperous and flourishing country. From state of oligarchic government a change has been made to a form less constitutional, than that submitted to so meekly in the past, and a dictatorial and absolute rule is now the measure of power displayed. The question might be asked, "and who is the dictator? The Governor?" The answer would be "No, the Territory has no Governor in fact, but there is a name approved by the President to fill the place, the man is non est, a weakling occupies the position, whose unhinged bones lack stiffness in official duties." But there is a Secretary to take the place? Alas, no! Our well-beloved Secretary has resigned, or, at least he said he had, so that he might accept a better income-making billet as Superintendent of Public Works and the willing Senate of Hawaii confirmed him in his new position; thus the Territory is without a Federal secretary; and the Governor is one hundred miles away. But, the dictator rises, and from the ashes of a self-cremated Secretary we find a cooper comes, who barrels up the governorship and sits on top. Some men are born great, some achieve greatness, but, it is only rarely that an ordinary cooper is enabled to thrust such constantly growing greatness up-

on himself as does this Territorial Cooper of ours. The Governor is not a Dole, but a cooper; the recretary is a cooper, the superintendent of public works is a cooper, the acting treasurer is a cooper, the commander of the army and the navy here, is a cooper; the general dispenser of fate in reprieves or pardons is a cooper; the commission, on site for Federal building, report to a cooper; the sender of cable messages to Uncle Sam is a cooper, and, if a stranger, or a resident should say that "the dictator must then be a cooper," the INDEPENDENT would not say him nay.

And so we plead, to the "great and good friends" at Washington, to relieve us here from our too much coopered condition, and, if relief is granted, we will raise a whoop and voice a stave or two, of the "tar Spangled Banner," when this Territory is free from the dictatorship of a disliked cooper.

#### TOPICS OF THE DAY.

There is a "proposed" sparring contest, on the carpet, which the best of the local sports are side-stepping away from. The would-be boxers are two "unknowns."

From the looks of things down Venezuela way, the muddle looms up as another incident almost akin to the Hawaiian "steal," which finally culminated in the absorption of a weak nation by a mighty power, and that power the mediator and arbitrator in the muddle, and the preacher of the "Monroe doctrine." Who shall win out in the end?-may we ask. Whether it shall sanction this attempted steal, or not; as it cannot too soon forget the steal it made here in Hawaii.

There is a series of very interesting day performances now on, before Judge De Bolt, and in which several prominent members of the legal fraternity take star parts. The "angel" of the show is an old gentleman named Sumper who, but a few short Christmases ago, was blessed with lands and money. He was legally dammed for expending it and now he damns, legally, the damnable proceedings. The division of the oyster is "up to" Judge De Bolt; it is easily discernable who will get the shells.

The fulfilment of the annexation scheme engineered by the "bright" minds of this country, and which resulted in our being an appendage and "milking cow" for the United States boodlers, is unpleasantly presented for consideration, in the figures of the customs collections for the year ending June 30th, 1902 and which show that little Hawaii turned over to Uncle Sam from customs duties collected, the sum of \$1,285,454.80. This sum would have all been distributed here, as formerly, but for the annexation proceedings which made an independent Hawaiian a dependant American.

Boukop ky, a driver for Lovejoy & Co had a fainting fit while about to mount his seat on the wagon this morning, and while opposite the firms' place of business. The sudden drop of the man caused belief that he had gone to join the great majori y but an expert police officer discovered pulsation and the man was taken to the Hospital where he soon recovered.

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